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Summary

This document presents an overview of the proposed programme budget of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification for the biennium 2016–2017. In addition to presenting a summary of the required human and financial resources, it outlines the components of the budget using a results-based budgeting approach that responds to the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy), which was adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session.

The proposed budget should be considered together with the comprehensive multi-year workplan for the Convention (2016–2019) and the two-year costed work programme for the Convention (2016–2017), which are presented in document ICCD/COP(12)/6-ICCD/CRIC(14)/2. This budget document should be read in conjunction with the information on financial and programme performance for the biennium 2014–2015 contained in documents ICCD/COP(12)/7 and ICCD/CRIC(14)/3.

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I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. Rule 10 (d) of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties (COP)[1] provides that the provisional agenda of each ordinary session of the COP shall include, as appropriate, the proposed budget as well as all questions pertaining to the accounts and financial arrangements.

B. Scope of the note

2. This document presents an overview of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 by providing a summary of the human and financial resources required. In accordance with the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy), which was adopted by the COP at its eighth session, the resource requirements are based on two-year work programmes of the secretariat, the Global Mechanism (GM), the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC), and the Committee on Science and Technology (CST), using a results-based management approach.

3. The proposed budget should be considered together with the comprehensive multi-year workplan for the Convention (2016–2019), and the two-year costed work programme for the Convention (2016–2017), which are presented in document ICCD/COP(12)/6-ICCD/CRIC(14)/2. The budget document should be read in conjunction with the information on financial and programme performance for the biennium 2014–2015, which is contained in documents ICCD/COP(12)/7 and ICCD/CRIC(14)/3.

II. Building the proposed programme budget

Funding overview

4. The work of the secretariat, the GM, the CRIC and the CST is funded from five trust funds:

(a) The Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the UNCCD;

(b) Trust Fund for Participation of Representatives of Eligible Parties in the Sessions of the UNCCD Conference;

(c) Trust Fund for Voluntary Financing of Activities under the UNCCD;

(d) Trust Fund for Voluntary Financing of Activities under the GM;

(e) Trust Fund for Convention Events Organized by the UNCCD Secretariat (the Bonn Fund).

5. The core budget and the indicative scale of contributions from all Parties are approved by the COP. The indicative scale of contributions is based on the scale of assessment of the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly. In the biennium 2016–2017, the indicative scale of contributions (see

[1] Decision 1/COP.1.

annex I) has been established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/238, adopted by the General Assembly in December 2012 at its sixty-seventh session. The total amount of indicative contributions also takes into account the annual contribution of EUR 511,292 from the host Government.

III. Proposed budget for the Convention

A. Overview of core budget requirements

6. In the course of the biennium 2014–2015, the Executive Secretary restructured the secretariat by combining the unit that oversees the issues of advocacy, awareness-raising and education with the policy framework unit. The administration and finance services unit was later combined with the conference services unit. As a result, the proposed budget is presented by the respective area of work, including that of the GM, which is now presented as appropriation in the core budget.

7. Furthermore, the Executive Secretary, in accordance with paragraph 24 of decision 10/COP.11, has made efforts to implement efficiencies and creative innovations by introducing initiatives to keep costs for consultancies and travel to a minimum, which include hiring consultants at local rates, depending on the location of the project, and requiring thirty days advance booking of flight tickets. These initiatives are complemented by the practice of submitting quarterly consultancy and travel plans for the approval by the Executive Secretary. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has endeavoured to maintain the level of the proposed core budget for the biennium 2016–2017 at the level of the core budget for the biennium 2014–2015, representing a zero-nominal budget, excluding the past adjustment to the working capital reserve.

8. The estimated resource requirements for the core budget of the Convention for the biennium 2016–2017 may be found in table 1. For ease of reference, the proposed budget has been presented together with the approved budget for the biennium 2014–2015 as well as a revised approved budget aligned with the new structure for comparison.

Table 1

Core budget of the Convention for the biennium 2016–2017

(euros)

	I. *Approved budget 2014–2015*	*II.* *Approved budget 2014–2015 (revised)*		*III.* *Proposed budget 2016–2017*	*IV=(III-II)/II* *Percentage variance*
I. Programmes			*I. Secretariat programmes*		
A. Advocacy, awareness-raising and education	1 955 400	2 010 085	**A. Executive direction and management**	2 050 085	2.0
B. Policy framework	1 540 200	1 928 000	**B. External relations, policy and advocacy**	2 172 900	12.7
C. Science, technology and knowledge	2 309 900	1 332 200	**C. Knowledge management, science and technology**	1 515 800	13.8
D. Capacity-building	678 175	2 535 175	**D. Facilitation of monitoring and implementation**	2 437 600	(3.8)
E. Financing and technology transfer	1 588 050	2 879 976	**E. Administrative services**	2 509 051	(12.9)
II. Management support			*II. Global Mechanism*		
F. Executive direction and management	3 139 035	3 640 300	**F. Global Mechanism**	3 640 300	0.0
G. Conference services	676 100				
H. Administration and finance services	2 438 876				
Subtotal (A–H)	**14 325 736**	**14 325 736**	**Subtotal (A-F)**	**14 325 736**	**0.0**
III. Programme support costs (13%)	**1 862 346**	**1 862 346**	**III. Programme support costs (13%)**	**1 862 346**	**0.0**
IV. Working capital reserve	**(65 651)**	**(65 651)**	**IV. Working capital reserve**	**0**	**100.0**
TOTAL (I-IV)	**16 122 431**	**16 122 431**	**TOTAL (I-IV)**	**16 188 082**	**0.4**
Income					
Contribution from the host Government				**1 022 584**	
Indicative contributions				**15 165 398**	
TOTAL Income				**16 188 082**	

9. The estimated resource requirements by object of expenditure for the core budget of the Convention for the biennium 2016–2017 may be found in table 2.

Table 2
Core budget of the Convention for the biennium 2016–2017 by object of expenditure (euros)

Object of expenditure	*Approved budget 2014–2015*	*Proposed budget 2016–2017*	*Percentage variance*	*Percentage distribution*
Staff and other personnel costs	10 581 075	10 581 075	0.0	73.9
Consultants	691 496	691 100	(0.1)	4.8
Official travel	660 286	660 286	0.0	4.6
Training	220 879	154 000	(30.3)	1.1
Hospitality	22 000	22 000	0.0	0.2
General operating expenses	1 099 700	1 193 375	8.5	8.3
Supplies and equipment	118 300	92 000	(22.2)	0.6
Joint administration costs (United Nations, Bonn/ United Nations Office at Geneva)	932 000	931 900	0.0	6.5
TOTAL	**14 325 736**	**14 325 736**	**0.0**	**100.0**

10. With regard to the proposed staffing of the secretariat and the GM (see table 3), the Executive Secretary, in order to reflect the changing dynamic and increased scope of the UNCCD, is proposing to upgrade the position of Deputy Executive Secretary from D-1 to D-2. At the same time, the D-2 position in the GM has been cancelled with the position of the Managing Director now reclassified and established at the D-1 level. Further adjustments to the GM post table are proposed as a result of the retirement of staff creating four new positions at the P-3 level.

11. By committing to the same level of core budget for the biennium 2016–2017 as in the current biennium, the Executive Secretary would require flexibility nevertheless in implementing the post table. As further opportunities arise with the merging of the units of the secretariat and the departure of staff, there may be less necessity to maintain high-level positions. Therefore, the Executive Secretary would require the authority in the biennium 2016–2017 to establish additional lower-level positions than what are presented in the post table with the understanding that such adjustments are maintained within the same level of budget for staff costs.

Table 3
Proposed staffing of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism

	Approved budget 2014–2015			*Proposed budget 2016–2017*		
	Secretariat	*Global Mechanism*	*Total*	*Secretariat*	*Global Mechanism*	*Total*
Professional category and above						
ASG	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
D-2	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
D-1	1.00	1.00	2.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
P-5	7.00	2.00	9.00	7.00	1.00	8.00
P-4	7.00	3.00	10.00	7.00	2.00	9.00
P-3	4.00	0.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	8.00
P-2	1.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	3.00
Subtotal Professional category and above	21.00	9.00	30.00	21.00	10.00	31.00
Subtotal General Services category	10.00	4.00	14.00	10.00	4.00	15.00
TOTAL	**31.00**	**13.00**	**44.00**	**31.00**	**14.00**	**45.00**

12. More detailed information on the estimated resource requirements for the secretariat and the GM is contained in the document on the costed two-year work programmes for the biennium 2016–2017.[2]

B. Trust Fund for Participation of Representatives of Eligible Parties in the Sessions of the UNCCD Conference

13. In accordance with the financial rules of the COP, a special fund was established to support the participation of representatives of developing, and in particular least developed, country Parties affected by desertification and/or drought, particularly those in Africa, in the sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies.

14. The representatives of the developing countries continue to play an active role in the deliberations of the COP and its subsidiary bodies, assuming significant positions as Chairs or Vice-Chairs of the COP, the subsidiary bodies and contact groups. The active participation of the developing country representatives both at the technical and political levels contributes at each major session to building consensus and bringing about constructive outcomes to chart the path of the Convention ahead.

15. The estimated resource requirements for the fund may be found in table 4.

[2] ICCD/COP(12)/6-ICCD/CRIC(14)/2.

Table 4
Estimated resource requirements for participation in the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification process for the biennium 2016–2017
(euros)

Sessions	*Estimated cost*
Fifteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention	900 000
Thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties	1 300 000
TOTAL	**2 200 000**

C. Trust Fund for Voluntary Financing of Activities under the UNCCD

16. The Trust Fund for Voluntary Financing of Activities under the UNCCD and the Trust Fund for Voluntary Financing of Activities of the GM complement the core resources of the secretariat and the GM by supporting the work of the Convention. Information on the secured activities that are supported by voluntary funding for the next biennium may be found in document ICCD/COP(12)/INF.4.

D. Trust Fund for Convention Events Organized by the UNCCD Secretariat (the Bonn Fund)

17. The host Government makes an additional annual contribution of EUR 511,292 to fund Convention events by the secretariat. Known as the 'Bonn Fund', it is utilized according to a cost plan which is proposed by the secretariat and accepted by the Government of Germany. Table 5 shows an overview of the estimated budget for the biennium 2016–2017.

Table 5
The Bonn Fund in the biennium 2016–2017
(euros)

	2016–2017
Income	**1 022 584**
Expenditure	
Conference support for the organization of UNCCD events held in Bonn	649 900
Other activities related to the Convention	239 748
Programme support costs	132 936
TOTAL expenditure	**1 022 584**

E. Programme support costs (overheads)

18. In accordance with the financial rules of the COP and standard practice of the United Nations, a rate of 13 per cent is charged to all trust funds for programme support services, or overheads. These support services are mostly used to cover the costs of administrative support staff and secretariat staff costs at the United Nations liaison office in New York, as well as a Programme Officer for one region. Table 6 indicates the estimated human and financial resource requirements for the next biennium, which are contingent upon associated income to the special account.

Table 6
Human resource requirements in the biennium 2016–2017

	2016	*2017*
Professional category and above		
P-5	3.00	3.00
P-4	3.50	3.50
P-3	0.00	0.00
P-2	1.00	1.00
Subtotal Professional category and above	7.50	7.50
Subtotal General Services category	8.50	8.50
TOTAL posts	**16.00**	**16.00**
Associated staff costs (euros)	**1 590 750**	**1 624 500**

IV. Contingencies

A. Contingency budget for conference servicing approved by the General Assembly

19. The General Assembly has in its past decisions approved a provision for conference services (interpretation, document reproduction and other related services) as part of the regular budget of the United Nations for meetings of the COP and its subsidiary bodies. If the General Assembly decides not to continue this practice, Parties would have to assume the costs of this provision. The following contingency budget has therefore been prepared for consideration by the COP.

20. It is assumed that the CST will meet for three working days and the CRIC for a total of five working days in the biennium. The provision will be required for corresponding meeting services, allowing for a total of six meetings with interpretation for the CST session and ten meetings with interpretation for the CRIC session as well as the translation, processing and distribution of a total estimated 1,000 pages for the pre-session, 80 pages of in-session and 100 pages of post-session documentation.

21. It is also assumed that the COP will meet for a total of two consecutive weeks in 2017. The provision will be required for corresponding meeting services, allowing for two simultaneous meetings with interpretation at any time during the session of the COP (that is, 20 meetings per week) and the translation, processing and distribution of an estimated 2,000 pages of pre-session, 150 pages of in-session, and 200 pages of post-session documentation. The full cost of these requirements, estimated at EUR 2.1 million, may be found in table 7.

Table 7
Contingency budget for conference servicing
(euros)

Object of expenditure	*2016–2017*
United Nations meetings services	1 835 000
Programme support costs	238 550
TOTAL	**2 073 550**

B. Contingency budget for hosting the Conference of the Parties in Bonn, Germany

22. In the event that the thirteenth session of the COP is held in Bonn, an additional amount of EUR 1.5 million (see table 8) will be required to cover the costs relating to logistical arrangements, including renting of the conference venue, installation of communication systems and contracting of local staff, provision of security equipment and personnel, and rental of equipment and supplies.

Table 8
Resource requirements for hosting the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties
(euros)

Object of expenditure	*2016–2017*
Incremental costs	1 204 000
Contingencies	120 000
Subtotal	**1 324 000**
Programme support costs	172 000
TOTAL	**1 496 000**

C. Contingency budget for hosting the sessions of the Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention in Bonn, Germany

23. In the event that the fifth special session of the CST and the fifteenth session of the CRIC are held in Bonn, an additional amount of EUR 678,000 (see table 9) will be required to cover the costs relating to logistical arrangements, including renting of the conference venue, installation of communication systems and contracting of local staff, provision of security equipment and personnel, and rental of equipment and supplies.

Table 9
Resource requirements for hosting the fifth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology and the fifteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention
(euros)

Object of expenditure	*2016–2017*
Incremental costs	540 000
Contingencies	60 000
Subtotal	**600 000**
Programme support costs	78 000
TOTAL	**678 000**

24. In consideration of the challenges faced by the UNCCD secretariat in the last three bienniums in finding a host for the sessions of the CST and the CRIC, Parties may wish to consider authorizing the Executive Secretary in the event that a host country is not forthcoming to fund the sessions in Bonn, Germany either (1) through a contingency budget to be added to the core budget; or (2) from the reserves of the Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the UNCCD.

V. UNCCD Evaluation Office

25. The UNCCD secretariat and the GM are requested to regularly evaluate their activities by the United Nations regulations and rules governing programme aspects of the budget,[3] and also according to the standard procedures of many donors. A UNCCD Evaluation Office was established in 2014 to meet these requests.

26. The UNCCD Evaluation Office is intended to serve as a means to promote greater understanding of the work carried out under the UNCCD and strengthen the external credibility and accountability of the secretariat and the GM. It will also support the oversight responsibilities and decision-making of the management of the secretariat and the GM, and enhance the internal culture of learning.

27. The assessments and evaluations conducted by the UNCCD Evaluation Office will be evidence-based and objective. In the conduct of its activities, the Office will give an opportunity to UNCCD staff, management and, when feasible, national authorities and other stakeholders, to comment on the assessment or evaluation before it is presented to the COP. Its evaluation reports are meant to be openly available, and they may be accompanied by comments from the secretariat and GM management, staff, relevant country authorities and others involved in the subject matter.

28. The UNCCD Evaluation Office has one professional staff funded from the programme support costs. An allocation from the UNCCD core budget is proposed for recruiting independent evaluators and publicizing the results. Project-level monitoring and evaluation will be included in the overall costs of each project.

[3] ST/SGB/2000/8.

29. For every biennium, the UNCCD Evaluation Office prepares its work programme, which takes into account different types of evaluations and assessments. This work programme will be consistent with, and responsive to, the work of the United Nations external auditors concerning the UNCCD. It is presented to the COP at each of its sessions for feedback.

30. The proposed 2016–2017 UNCCD Evaluation Office work programme is presented in table 10. This programme may be adjusted in the light of other tasks or further evaluation or assessment tasks assigned by the COP, and to take into account any new voluntarily funded project that will be launched during the biennium.

Table 10
2016–2017 UNCCD Evaluation Office work programme
(euros)

Thematic and impact evaluations	*Proposed core budget allocation*
Evaluation of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and impact of the UNCCD scientific conferences	20 000
Evaluation of the effectiveness of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification support to civil society participation	15 000
Assessment of the impact of the economic valuation supported by the Global Mechanism	0
Assessment of the effectiveness of the Capacity Building Marketplace	0
Project monitoring and evaluation	
Front Local Environnemental pour une Union VertE	0
Soil Leadership Academy	0
TOTAL	**35 000**

VI. Conclusions and recommendations

31. This programme budget proposal presents the resource requirements for the work programmes of the secretariat, the GM, the CST and the CRIC. The COP may therefore wish:

(a) To adopt the work plan and work programmes of the secretariat and the GM;

(b) To approve a programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017;

(c) To adopt the indicative scale of contributions for 2016 and 2017;

(d) To authorize the Executive Secretary to notify Parties of their contributions for 2016;

(e) To take note of the requirements for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation of Representatives of Eligible Parties in the Sessions of the UNCCD Conference;

(f) To approve a contingency for conference services in the event that the General Assembly decides not to provide resources for these activities in the United Nations regular budget for the biennium 2016–2017.

Annex

Indicative scale of assessment for the core budget of the Convention 2016–2017

	Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification[a]	*(b/)*	*United Nations scale*	*Indicative scale of assessment for 2016*	*2016 indicative contributions (euros)*	*Indicative scale of assessment for 2017*	*2017 indicative contributions (euros)*	*Total amount payable (euros)*
1	Afghanistan	LDC	0.005	0.005	358	0.005	363	721
2	Albania		0.010	0.010	715	0.010	726	1,441
3	Algeria		0.137	0.138	9,800	0.138	9,953	19,753
4	Andorra		0.008	0.008	572	0.008	581	1,153
5	Angola	LDC	0.010	0.010	715	0.010	726	1,441
6	Antigua and Barbuda		0.002	0.002	143	0.002	145	288
7	Argentina		0.432	0.435	30,901	0.435	31,384	62,285
8	Armenia		0.007	0.007	501	0.007	509	1,010
9	Australia		2.074	2.087	148,352	2.087	150,674	299,026
10	Austria		0.798	0.803	57,080	0.803	57,974	115,054
11	Azerbaijan		0.040	0.040	2,861	0.040	2,906	5,767
12	Bahamas		0.017	0.017	1,216	0.017	1,235	2,451
13	Bahrain		0.039	0.039	2,790	0.039	2,833	5,623
14	Bangladesh	LDC	0.010	0.010	715	0.010	726	1,441
15	Barbados		0.008	0.008	572	0.008	581	1,153
16	Belarus		0.056	0.056	4,006	0.056	4,068	8,074
17	Belgium		0.998	1.004	71,386	1.004	72,504	143,890
18	Belize		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
19	Benin	LDC	0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
20	Bhutan	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
21	Bolivia		0.009	0.009	644	0.009	654	1,298
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina		0.017	0.017	1,216	0.017	1,235	2,451
23	Botswana		0.017	0.017	1,216	0.017	1,235	2,451

	Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification[a]	(*b*/)	*United Nations scale*	*Indicative scale of assessment for 2016*	*2016 indicative contributions (euros)*	*Indicative scale of assessment for 2017*	*2017 indicative contributions (euros)*	*Total amount payable (euros)*
24	Brazil		2.934	2.953	209,867	2.953	213,152	423,019
25	Brunei Darussalam		0.026	0.026	1,860	0.026	1,889	3,749
26	Bulgaria		0.047	0.047	3,362	0.047	3,415	6,777
27	Burkina Faso	LDC	0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
28	Burundi	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
29	Cambodia	LDC	0.004	0.004	286	0.004	291	577
30	Cameroon		0.012	0.012	858	0.012	872	1,730
31	Cape Verde		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
32	Central African Republic	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
33	Chad	LDC	0.002	0.002	143	0.002	145	288
34	Chile		0.334	0.336	23,891	0.336	24,265	48,156
35	China		5.148	5.181	368,233	5.181	373,997	742,230
36	Colombia		0.259	0.261	18,526	0.261	18,816	37,342
37	Comoros	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
38	Cook Islands		0.005	0.005	358	0.005	363	721
39	Congo		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
40	Costa Rica		0.038	0.038	2,718	0.038	2,761	5,479
41	Côte d'Ivoire		0.011	0.011	787	0.011	799	1,586
42	Croatia		0.126	0.127	9,013	0.127	9,154	18,167
43	Cuba		0.069	0.069	4,936	0.069	5,013	9,949
44	Cyprus		0.047	0.047	3,362	0.047	3,415	6,777
45	Czech Republic		0.386	0.388	27,610	0.388	28,043	55,653
46	Democratic People's Republic of Korea		0.006	0.006	429	0.006	436	865
47	Democratic Republic of the Congo	LDC	0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
48	Denmark		0.675	0.679	48,282	0.679	49,038	97,320
49	Djibouti	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
50	Dominica		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143

	Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification[a]	(b/)	*United Nations scale*	*Indicative scale of assessment for 2016*	*2016 indicative contributions (euros)*	*Indicative scale of assessment for 2017*	*2017 indicative contributions (euros)*	*Total amount payable (euros)*
51	Dominican Republic		0.045	0.045	3,219	0.045	3,269	6,488
52	Ecuador		0.044	0.044	3,147	0.044	3,197	6,344
53	Egypt		0.134	0.135	9,585	0.135	9,735	19,320
54	El Salvador		0.016	0.016	1,144	0.016	1,162	2,306
55	Equatorial Guinea	LDC	0.010	0.010	715	0.010	726	1,441
56	Eritrea	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
57	Estonia		0.040	0.040	2,861	0.040	2,906	5,767
58	Ethiopia	LDC	0.010	0.010	715	0.010	726	1,441
59	European Union		2.500	2.500	177,681	2.500	180,462	358,143
60	Fiji		0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
61	Finland		0.519	0.522	37,124	0.522	37,705	74,829
62	France		5.593	5.629	400,064	5.629	406,326	806,390
63	Gabon		0.020	0.020	1,431	0.020	1,453	2,884
64	Gambia	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
65	Georgia		0.007	0.007	501	0.007	509	1,010
66	Germany		7.141	7.187	510,792	7.187	518,786	1,029,578
67	Ghana		0.014	0.014	1,001	0.014	1,017	2,018
68	Greece		0.638	0.642	45,636	0.642	46,350	91,986
69	Grenada		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
70	Guatemala		0.027	0.027	1,931	0.027	1,962	3,893
71	Guinea	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
72	Guinea-Bissau	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
73	Guyana		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
74	Haiti	LDC	0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
75	Honduras		0.008	0.008	572	0.008	581	1,153
76	Hungary		0.266	0.268	19,027	0.268	19,325	38,352
77	Iceland		0.027	0.027	1,931	0.027	1,962	3,893
78	India		0.666	0.670	47,639	0.670	48,384	96,023
79	Indonesia		0.346	0.348	24,749	0.348	25,137	49,886

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80	Iran, (Islamic Republic of)		0.356	0.358	25,464	0.358	25,863	51,327
81	Iraq		0.068	0.068	4,864	0.068	4,940	9,804
82	Ireland		0.418	0.421	29,899	0.421	30,367	60,266
83	Israel		0.396	0.399	28,326	0.399	28,769	57,095
84	Italy		4.448	4.477	318,163	4.477	323,143	641,306
85	Jamaica		0.011	0.011	787	0.011	799	1,586
86	Japan		10.833	10.903	774,878	10.903	787,007	1,561,885
87	Jordan		0.022	0.022	1,574	0.022	1,598	3,172
88	Kazakhstan		0.121	0.122	8,655	0.122	8,791	17,446
89	Kenya		0.013	0.013	930	0.013	944	1,874
90	Kiribati	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
91	Kuwait		0.273	0.275	19,528	0.275	19,833	39,361
92	Kyrgyzstan		0.002	0.002	143	0.002	145	288
93	Lao People's Democratic Republic	LDC	0.002	0.002	143	0.002	145	288
94	Latvia		0.047	0.047	3,362	0.047	3,415	6,777
95	Lebanon		0.042	0.042	3,004	0.042	3,051	6,055
96	Lesotho	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
97	Liberia	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
98	Libya		0.142	0.143	10,157	0.143	10,316	20,473
99	Liechtenstein		0.009	0.009	644	0.009	654	1,298
100	Lithuania		0.073	0.073	5,222	0.073	5,303	10,525
101	Luxembourg		0.081	0.082	5,794	0.082	5,885	11,679
102	Madagascar	LDC	0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
103	Malawi	LDC	0.002	0.002	143	0.002	145	288
104	Malaysia		0.281	0.283	20,100	0.283	20,414	40,514
105	Maldives		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
106	Mali	LDC	0.004	0.004	286	0.004	291	577
107	Malta		0.016	0.016	1,144	0.016	1,162	2,306

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108	Marshall Islands		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
109	Mauritania	LDC	0.002	0.002	143	0.002	145	288
110	Mauritius		0.013	0.013	930	0.013	944	1,874
111	Mexico		1.842	1.854	131,757	1.854	133,819	265,576
112	Micronesia (Federated States of)		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
113	Moldova, Republic of		0.012	0.012	858	0.012	872	1,730
114	Monaco		0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
115	Mongolia		0.005	0.005	358	0.005	363	721
116	Montenegro		0.062	0.062	4,435	0.062	4,504	8,939
117	Morocco		0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
118	Mozambique	LDC	0.010	0.010	715	0.010	726	1,441
119	Myanmar	LDC	0.010	0.010	715	0.010	726	1,441
120	Namibia		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
121	Nauru		0.006	0.006	429	0.006	436	865
122	Nepal	LDC	1.654	1.665	118,310	1.665	120,161	238,471
123	Netherlands		0.253	0.255	18,097	0.255	18,380	36,477
124	New Zealand		0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
125	Nicaragua		0.002	0.002	143	0.002	145	288
126	Niger	LDC	0.090	0.091	6,438	0.091	6,538	12,976
127	Nigeria		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
128	Niue		0.851	0.856	60,872	0.856	61,824	122,696
129	Norway		0.102	0.103	7,296	0.103	7,410	14,706
130	Oman		0.085	0.086	6,080	0.086	6,175	12,255
131	Pakistan		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
132	Palau		0.026	0.026	1,860	0.026	1,889	3,749
133	Panama		0.004	0.004	286	0.004	291	577
134	Papua New Guinea		0.010	0.010	715	0.010	726	1,441
135	Paraguay		0.117	0.118	8,369	0.118	8,500	16,869

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136	Peru		0.154	0.155	11,016	0.155	11,188	22,204
137	Philippines		0.921	0.927	65,879	0.927	66,910	132,789
138	Poland		0.474	0.477	33,905	0.477	34,436	68,341
139	Portugal		0.209	0.210	14,950	0.210	15,184	30,134
140	Qatar		1.994	2.007	142,630	2.007	144,862	287,492
141	Republic of Korea		0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
142	Romania		0.226	0.227	16,166	0.227	16,419	32,585
143	Russian Federation		2.438	2.454	174,389	2.454	177,118	351,507
144	Rwanda	LDC	0.002	0.002	143	0.002	145	288
145	Saint Kitts and Nevis		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
146	Saint Lucia		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
147	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
148	Samoa		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
149	San Marino		0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
150	Sao Tome and Principe	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
151	Saudi Arabia		0.864	0.870	61,801	0.870	62,769	124,570
152	Senegal	LDC	0.006	0.006	429	0.006	436	865
153	Serbia		0.040	0.040	2,861	0.040	2,906	5,767
154	Seychelles		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
155	Sierra Leone	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
156	Singapore		0.384	0.386	27,467	0.386	27,897	55,364
157	Slovakia		0.171	0.172	12,232	0.172	12,423	24,655
158	Slovenia		0.100	0.101	7,153	0.101	7,265	14,418
159	Solomon Islands	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
160	Somalia	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
161	South Africa		0.372	0.374	26,609	0.374	27,025	53,634
162	South Sudan	LDC	0.004	0.004	286	0.004	291	577
163	Spain		2.973	2.992	212,657	2.992	215,985	428,642

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164	Sri Lanka		0.025	0.025	1,788	0.025	1,816	3,604
165	Sudan	LDC	0.010	0.010	715	0.010	726	1,441
166	Suriname		0.004	0.004	286	0.004	291	577
167	Swaziland		0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
168	Sweden		0.960	0.966	68,668	0.966	69,743	138,411
169	Switzerland		1.047	1.054	74,891	1.054	76,063	150,954
170	Syrian Arab Republic		0.036	0.036	2,575	0.036	2,615	5,190
171	Tajikistan		0.003	0.003	215	0.003	218	433
172	Thailand		0.239	0.241	17,096	0.241	17,363	34,459
173	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		0.008	0.008	572	0.008	581	1,153
174	Timor-Leste	LDC	0.002	0.002	143	0.002	145	288
175	Togo	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
176	Tonga		0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
177	Trinidad and Tobago		0.044	0.044	3,147	0.044	3,197	6,344
178	Tunisia		0.036	0.036	2,575	0.036	2,615	5,190
179	Turkey		1.328	1.337	94,991	1.337	96,478	191,469
180	Turkmenistan		0.019	0.019	1,359	0.019	1,380	2,739
181	Tuvalu	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
182	Uganda	LDC	0.006	0.006	429	0.006	436	865
183	Ukraine		0.099	0.100	7,081	0.100	7,192	14,273
184	United Arab Emirates		0.595	0.599	42,560	0.599	43,226	85,786
185	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		5.179	5.212	370,451	5.212	376,249	746,700
186	United Republic of Tanzania	LDC	0.009	0.009	644	0.009	654	1,298
187	United States of America [c]		22.000	22.000	1,563,596	22.000	1,588,066	3,151,662
188	Uruguay		0.052	0.052	3,720	0.052	3,778	7,498
189	Uzbekistan		0.015	0.015	1,073	0.015	1,090	2,163

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190	Vanuatu	LDC	0.001	0.001	71	0.001	72	143
191	Venezuela		0.627	0.631	44,849	0.631	45,551	90,400
192	Viet Nam		0.042	0.042	3,004	0.042	3,051	6,055
193	Yemen	LDC	0.010	0.010	715	0.010	726	1,441
194	Zambia	LDC	0.006	0.006	429	0.006	436	865
195	Zimbabwe		0.002	0.002	143	0.002	145	288
	Total from Parties		**99.518**	**100.000**	**7,107,256**	**100.000**	**7,218,480**	**14,325,736**

[a] Parties include States and regional economic integration organizations that are Parties as of 30 June 2015.

[b] Least developed country.

[c] The United States of America views its funding to the core budget of the Convention as a voluntary contribution.

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